

## HERITAGE TOUR OF INDIA

### Kerala Tour

Duration : (12Nights / 13Days)

Bangalore - Mudumalai - Wayanad - Calicut - Kumarakom - Alleppey



#### Day 1:-Bangalore - Mysore

Arrival at bangalore meet our representative and then drive to mysore upon arrival at mysore check in at the hotel. Visit maharaja palace, devaraja fruit and vegetable market and tipu sultan palace and overnight stay at hotel - wind flower.

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#### Day 2:- Mudumalai

Mudumalai wildlife sanctuary was the first sanctuary in south india. The land is extremely varied with hills, valleys, narrow valleys, waterways and swamps. It includes of tropical moist deciduous forests, dry deciduous forests and scrub forests. Compared to the nearby reserves, the climate is warmer in mudumalai - jungle retreat.

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#### Day 3:- Mudumalai

The range of mudumalai wildlife sanctuary is the same as in bandipur (another famous sanctuary near it) but the mudumalai has two features which makes different from its neighbors - the moyar river and closeness to the nilgiri mountain ranges which has variety of wildlife. The mudumalai wildlife sanctuary has varied mixture of flat land, rising and falling parkland, open grassland, swamp, valleys and nullas. The mayyar river in this area shapes a sequence of spectacular view on its way from udhagamandalam - mysore highway. Mudumalai wildlife sanctuary could be reached from mysore as well - jungle retreat.

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#### Day 4:- Wayanad

After breakfast check out the hotel & proceed to wayanad. Wayanad name is derived from "wayalnadu" mean's land of paddy fields. Having the largest concentration of tribal population was once known as "africa" in kerala. This is tourist's paradise of kerala & kerala's answer to tamilnadu's ooty or karnataka's coorg. Wayanad is the largest producer of pepper in the country. On the way visit nanjungud, banasura dam (the second largest dam in asia) & bhagavathi temple. On arrival wayanad check in the hotel. Enjoy a tasteful dinner & over night relax at vythiri resort - tree house

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#### **Day 5:- Wayanad**

After breakfast visit lakkidi, the gateway to wayanad, pazhassiraja museum and art gallery, pookkot lake & kuruvadeep where one would come across a variety of vegetation, some rare orchids and wild flowers. These are also haven for migratory birds. The avian life here includes hornbills, parrots and a host of butterfly species. Late in the evening return back to the hotel. Have a delicious dinner & over night relax at vythiri resort - tree house

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#### **Day 6:- Calicut**

Today morning after breakfast proceed to calicut. On arrival, check into you hotel where you can unwind. It was in calicut that the great voyager vasco da gama landed in the 14th century in his quest for spices thus putting it on the world map. The traditional capital of north kerala and a leading trading centre for spices on the west, the city has retained its glorious past and presents travellers with historic sites and a unique culture. In the afternoon drive to beypore, a prominent port and fishing harbour of ancient kerala. You could visit the fish markets or venture into town and visit the sweet meat street and the many colourful shops. Over night at kadavu resort.

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#### **Day 7:- Palaghat**

Palaghat is rightfully known as the gateway of kerala, giving the rest of india access to the state. Its other name is palghat was contributed by british raj. Palakkad is a land of palm trees and paddy fields. It's known to be rich in flora and fauna. Palakkad is prime among kerala's most picturesque districts, thanks to its distinctive palmyra trees and extensive green paddy fields. Palakkad lies near the palghat gap, a pass or natural depression through the western ghats ranges that run parallel to the west coast of india, and connects kerala to the plains of the state of tamil nadu to the east. The silent valley national park that abruptly rises to the nilgiris is an everlasting marvel to the tourists. The abundant forest wealth, dams, wild life sanctuaries, rivers, rare birds and animals, historical monuments, traditional ayurvedic treatment centres have given palakkad an exquisite and outstanding touch. Over night at a olappamanna mana is located at vellinezhi, a small village, surrounded by unpolluted river kunthi on northern and western sides and is literarily famous as thourathrika gramam (village with the perfect blending of music, rhythm and dance). Over night at heritage home stay - olappamanna mana.

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#### **Day 8:- Munnar**

Today morning after breakfast, drive to munnar; a hill station located 1600 meters above sea level. Once the summer resort of the erstwhile british administration in south india it still retains its colonial charm and is famous for its tea plantations, most of which are privately owned. With its sprawling estates, rolling hills, sparkling waterfalls, picture

postcard hamlets and undulating valleys, munnar is an ideal holiday destination. Check into your hotel and unwind. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the ambience of munnar. Overnight at the resort nature zone

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#### **Day 9:- Periyar (Thekkady)**

After breakfast drive to periyar, the famous wild life sanctuary of south india. On arrival check in at hotel. Visit plantations (tea estates). Rest and relax at the resort.overnight at periyar tiger reserve bungalow

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#### **Day 10:- Periyar (Thekkady)**

Today morning go for a 3 hrs trekking inside the Periyar Wild life sanctuary.go for boat cruise in the lake, Periyar Wildlife sanctuary is a best option to see the home nomadic tribes of wild elephant, boar, deer, the great Indian tiger and more. Overnight at Periyar Tiger Reserve Bungalow

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#### **Day 11:- Kumarakom - Alleppey (Houseboat Cruise)**

Proceed to kumarakom ,its splendid area full of canals, lakes and coves. You can sunbathe on the deck or observe the landscape from the protection of the cabin. Canoes with huge sails still transport people and you will find vegetable sellers, fishermen and other household materials being brought door to door by small wooden boats. This whole area is surrounded with coconut palms and lush green rice fields. Board in to a traditional kerala style houseboat and cruise through the back waters is the fabulous way to explore the fascinating beauty of the backwaters. Stay overnight in the house boat. (deluxe a/c houseboat).

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#### **Day 12:- Cochin**

Proceed to cochin, a port town since early centuries, cochin, also known as the spice coast of india, attracted traders and invaders from the world over. Needless to say, cochin offers you some fascinating snippets of history and culture. You can go for the sightseeing of cochin. Here you can see the st francis church, the oldest church in india, 500 year old portuguese houses, cantilevered chinese fishing nets, 16th century synagogue, jew town and mattancherry palace, built by portuguese, this palace contains some of india's most beautiful murals. Overnight at hotel fort house

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**Day 13:- Cochin Airport**

After breakfast check out the hotel & drop at cochin airport / railway station to board your onward destination flight or train. With happy memories.